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HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF HORSE FROM CANADA/USA

This certificate must be attached to the import permit issued by the Norwegian Animal Health Authority, Oslo, Norway.

Reference to accompanying welfare
certificate.....
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I. Identification of the animal

- a) No of identification document/Passport - if any): _____
b) validated by USDA,APHIS,VS
(Name of competent authority)

(if the horse does not have a passport, give description and fill in an outline diagram)

II. Origin and destination of the animal

The horse is to be sent from: _____
(Country and place of export)

to: _____
(country and place of destination)

-by aircraft/ship (*) _____

(*) Delete as appropriate. Indicate means of transport, flight number or registered name, as appropriate.

Name and address of consignor: _____

Name and address of consignee: _____

III. Health information

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, certify that the horse described above meets the following requirements:

a) it comes from a country where the following diseases are compulsorily notifiable: African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, equine encephalomyelitis (of all types, including VEE), infectious anemia, vesicular stomatitis, rabies, anthrax;

b) it has been examined today and shows no clinical sign of disease (1);

c) it is not intended for slaughter under a national program of contagious or infectious disease eradication. The area of origin has not been placed under government restrictions during the last three months due to the outbreaks of foot and mouth disease, African/classical swine fever or swine vesicular disease.

d) during the three months immediately preceding the exportation (or since birth if less than three months old) it has been resident on holdings under veterinary supervision in the country of dispatch and 30 days prior to dispatch in pre-export isolation; during the 30 days isolation period, it has not been in contact with any other animal except those eligible for Norway.

e) it comes from a state/province in which:

(i) Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has not occurred during the last two years;

(ii) dourine has not occurred during the last six months;

(iii) glanders has not occurred during the last six months;

(iv) vesicular stomatitis has not occurred during the last six months.

f) it comes from a country/countries where African horse sickness has not occurred during the last two years and it has not been vaccinated against African horse sickness during this period.

g) it has not come from a holding which was subject to prohibition for animal health reasons, nor had contact with equidae from a holding which was subject to prohibition for animal health reasons:

(i) during six months in the case of equine encephalomyelitis, beginning on the day on which the equidae suffering from the disease are slaughtered,

(ii) in the case of infectious anemia, until the date on which the infected animals having been slaughtered, the remaining animals have shown a negative reaction to two Coggins tests carried out three months apart,

(iii) during six months in the case of vesicular stomatitis,

(iv) during one month from the last recorded case, in the case of rabies,

(v) during 15 days from the last recorded case, in the case of anthrax.

If all the animals of species susceptible to the disease located on the holding have been slaughtered and the premises disinfected, the period of prohibition shall be 30 days, beginning on the day on which the animals were destroyed and the premises disinfected, except in the case of anthrax, where the period of prohibition is 15 days.

h) on the premises of origin, there have been no cases of mange of horses, equine viral arteritis (EVA), strangles, equine viral rhinopneumonitis, babesiosis or ringworm during the last 3 months.

i) the horse shows no clinical sign of contagious equine metritis (CEM) and it does not come from a holding where there has been any suspicion of CEM during the past twelve months, nor had contact indirectly or directly through coitus with equidae infected or suspected of CEM;

j) to the best of my knowledge, it has not been in contact with equidae suffering from an infectious or contagious disease in the 30 days prior to this declaration.

k) it was subjected to the following tests, with negative results, on samples taken within the last 21 days of the pre-export isolation period:

- a Coggins test for infectious anemia (2)

- a virus neutralization test for vesicular stomatitis with negative result at a dilution of 1 in 12. (2) (6)

- either a virus neutralization test for EVA, with negative result at a dilution of 1 in 4 (2),

or

- the animal was vaccinated against EVA on _____(4)(5) under official veterinary supervision with a vaccine approved by the competent authority, according to one of the following programs (3) for initial vaccination, and has been re-vaccinated at regular intervals:

either (a) vaccination was carried out on the day a blood sample was taken that subsequently proved negative in a virus neutralization test at a dilution of 1 in 4.

or

(b) vaccination was carried out during a period of isolation of not more than 15 days under official veterinary supervision, commencing on the day a blood sample was taken that was tested during that time with negative result in a virus neutralization test at a dilution of 1 in 4.

or

(c) vaccination was carried out when the animal was at an age of 180 to 270 days, after a period of isolation under official veterinary supervision. During the isolation period, two blood samples taken at least 10 days apart, proved a stable or declining antibody titre in a virus neutralization test for EVA.

l) -either it was not vaccinated against VEE (Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis) (3) or it was vaccinated at least 6 months prior to pre-export isolation.

m) -either it was not vaccinated against WEE and EEE (western encephalomyelitis) (3) or it was vaccinated against WEE and EEE with an inactivated vaccine on _____(4), this being no later than 2 months prior to export.

n) -it was subjected to haemagglutination inhibition test to WEE and EEE on two occasions, carried out on samples of blood taken with an interval of 21 days on _____(4) and on _____(4), the second of which must have been taken within 10 days of export (7) - with negative result if the horse has not been vaccinated, without increase in antibody count if it has been vaccinated.

o) the horse has been vaccinated against equine influenza (by basic immunization and booster vaccinations at regular intervals in accordance with recommendations from the vaccine producer, last time less than 6 months before export to Norway (5)

IV. The animal will be sent in a vehicle cleansed and disinfected in advance with a disinfectant officially recognized in the country of dispatch and designed in a way that droppings, litter or fodder cannot escape during transportation.

V. The certificate is valid for 10 days (1), in the case of transport by ship the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage.

Date

Place

Stamp(*) and signature of the official Veterinarian

Signature of USDA issuing accredited Veterinarian

Name of USDA issuing accredited Veterinarian

Name in block
letters,
qualification
and title

(*) The color of the stamp must be different from that of the printing

(1) The certificate must be issued on the day of loading of the horse for dispatch to the place of destination or on the last working day before embarkation

(2) All laboratory certificates must be attached

(3) Delete as appropriate -for EVA, cross out vaccination programs that do not apply to the animal described above. Verify supporting certification on testing before vaccination, vaccination and re-vaccination.

(4) Insert date

(5) Vaccination certificate must be attached

(6) Test for vesicular stomatitis is not required for horses from Canada

(7) For horses vaccinated against WEE/EEE within 6 months of export, the second blood sample may be taken within 15 days of export.

In the case of a registered animal, tests carried out, their results and vaccinations have to be entered in the identification document (passport).

The following declaration signed by the owner or representative is part of the certificate.

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned _____ (insert name in block letters)
(owner or representative (3) of the horse described above)

declare:

1. the horse will be sent directly from the premises of dispatch to the premises of destination without coming into contact with other equidae not of the same health status;
2. The transportation will be effected in such a way that health and well-being of the animal can be protected effectively;
3. The animal has either remained in _____ (exporting country) since birth or entered the exporting country at least 90 days prior to this declaration.

_____ Place date
signature